

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ordinance Committee
FROM: Kathy Lind, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Animated signs in windows
DATE: March 26, 2015

At the February Administrative Officer's meeting, (A.O.'s) Lafayette requested a change in the UZO to eliminate a loophole regarding animated signs. Currently, a few businesses, located in zones that do not allow animated signs, are placing these signs inside their businesses, but close enough to windows to be seen from the street.

The minor fix to two definitions shown below should close this loophole. This change has already been added to the omnibus amendment (#84) which is on the April APC agenda (since it was inadvertently left off of the March Ordinance Committee agenda). If the Ordinance Committee does not approve this change, staff will delete that section from UZO Amendment #84.

Staff Recommendation:
Approval

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. _____ BEING THE UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY.

Be it ordained by the (County Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana; the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana; the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana; the Town Council of the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana; the Town Council of the Town of Dayton, Indiana; and the Town Council of Clarks Hill, Indiana), that Ordinance No. _____, being the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: Change UZO Section 1-10-2 Words and Terms Defined by amending two definitions to read as follows:

ANIMATED SIGN. Any *sign* including a window sign that uses movement or change of lighting to depict action or create a special effect or scene, or which uses a crawling message, or which changes more frequently than once per minute.

WINDOW SIGN. Any *sign*, picture, symbol, or combination thereof, designed to communicate information about an activity, business, commodity, event, sale, or service, that is placed inside a window or upon the window panes or glass ~~and~~ or is visible from the exterior of the window.